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VENONA

Reissue

From: MOSCOW

To: CANREPPA

No: 233, 232

2 December 1943

[Part I] Circular[a].

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[Part II] [1 group unrecovered] considering the cases cited above it is recommended instead of conversations aloud to exchange notes, which immediately after such a "secret conversation" [1 group unidentified] are destroyed. Our workers must not at work and in private life [4 groups unrecovered] from other [1 group unidentified] apparatus and [1 group unrecovered] that it will inevitably lead to disclosure. [1 group unrecovered] other [1 group unrecovered] discussions in Russian about [5 groups unrecovered].

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PETROV [i]

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Notes: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to HAVANA, MEXICO CITY, OTTAWA, SAN FRANCISCO, and NEW YORK.

Comments:

[i] PETROV: Unidentified MOSCOW signature.

16 August 1971

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